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In re Application of
Tony F. Rodriguez
Application No. 10/002,225
Filed: 20 November, 2001
Attorney Docket No. P0490

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: DECISION GRANTING
: PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition filed on 30 November, 2001, and supplemented by facsimile on 14 January, 2002, which is treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 20 November, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of 30 November, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on 20 November, 2001. In support, on 14 January, 2002, petitioner supplied a copy of Express Mail Label No. EL818265929US (the same Express Mail number found on the provisional application cover sheet accompanying the original application papers located in the official file). The "date-in" on the Express Mail Label is 11/20/01.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is required and none has been charged.

The application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for correction of the filing date to 20 November, 2001, and for issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6918.

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